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PLEASE TELL DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHLER THAT IF HIS MAN IN DELHI
WON'T DEFEND WHO, HE CAN'T EXPECT OTHERS TO DO SO. IN ANY EVENT,
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME THIS AMBASSADOR WILL GO INTO SEE A PRIME
MINISTER AND TAKE UP HALF THE VISIT TALKING UP THE WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION. YOU MIGHT ADD THAT ONE OF THE REASONS I DID SO
IS THAT AN AMERICAN EPIDEMIOLOGIST CAME TO ME AND SAID IN THE
MOST PERSUASIVE SENSE THAT THE "WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION NEEDS
A VICTORY. SMALLPOX ERIDICATION WOULD DO IT." I TOOK THIS TO THE
PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA. YOU MAY BE DAMN SURE NONE OF HER OWN
MINISTERS WOULD DO SO. BUT NOW I LEARN THAT REGIONAL DIRECTOR
GUNARTNE ADVISES HIS HEAD OFFICE NOT TO SEND ANYONE TO NEW DELHI
TO STATE THAT THE WHO IS NOT CARRYING OUT GERM WARFARE FOR THE
PENTAGON. IN FACT HE HAS DONE ALMOST NOTHING DURING THIS IMBROGLIO.
WHAT RATIONALE? AFRAID THE RUSSIANS MIGHT CUT THE BUDGET?
PEOPLE SURELY DON'T MADE LIFE EASY FOR A WILSONIAN.
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